



# National Weather Service

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



May 2001

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage Property	Crops	Character of Storm
Killed	Injured								

### ILLINOIS, South

ILZ084

Jackson

11 1900CST  
27 2000CST

0 0

Flood

High water on the Mississippi River backed into the Big Muddy River, causing the river gage at Murphysboro to rise slightly above flood stage on May 11. The crest on May 12 was only a few inches above the 16-foot flood stage at Murphysboro. River levels remained high on the Mississippi River for most of the month, keeping the Big Muddy River above flood stage through the 27th. A second higher crest of 18.79 feet occurred at Murphysboro on the 22nd. Both crests resulted in only minor flooding of agricultural bottomland.

Johnson County

Goreville

18 1648CST

0 0

Hail (0.75)

Williamson County

4 S Marion to  
2 SE Pittsburg

18 1655CST  
1703CST

0 0

Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

A few trees were blown down across southern and eastern parts of the county.

Saline County

Raleigh

18 2005CST

0 0

Thunderstorm Wind (G52)

Trees and power lines were blown down around town.

Alexander County

Tamms

20 2130CST

0 0

Hail (0.75)

ILZ084-088-092

Jackson - Union - Alexander

21 0300CST  
26 2000CST

0 0

Flood

Even though rainfall was generally below normal across southern Illinois, the Mississippi River rose above flood stage at Thebes due to heavy rains in the Missouri River basin and upper Mississippi Valley. The river gage at Thebes crested about one foot above the 33-foot flood stage on May 24, which resulted in minor flooding of agricultural bottomland. Most planting was completed before this flooding event, which prompted some bottomland farmers to take action to save their crops. Along the Mississippi River just above Cairo, a farmer used heavy equipment to build more than a half mile of earthen levees to protect 100 acres of threatened cropland.

Perry County

7 N Pinckneyville

31 1545CST  
1546CST

0.1 30 0 0 0

Tornado (F0)



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### ILLINOIS, South



*The brief touchdown was in rural country, with no apparent damage.*

A weak tornado briefly touched down in a wooded area of rural Perry County. The tornado was extensively photographed by the general public. Despite an extensive check of the area by local authorities, no damage was found

### Wayne County

2 E Rinard

31 1815CST 0 0 4K Thunderstorm Wind (G67)

A small microburst damaged a barn roof and tore down some tree limbs. The damage path was only about one half to three quarters of a mile long and less than one hundred yards wide.

### KENTUCKY, Southwest

#### Hopkins County

Dawson Spgs

11 1432CST 0 0 Hail (0.75)

#### Todd County

3 WNW Elkton

11 1520CST 0 0 Hail (0.75)

#### Calloway County

Murray

21 0245CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

A number of trees and tree limbs were blown down around Murray and southern Calloway County. One tree landed on a house

#### Marshall County

3 W Calvert City to  
4 NE Draffenville

21 0247CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G53)

Several large trees were blown down about 3 miles west of Calvert City by winds estimated between 60 and 65 MPH. Several other large trees were blown down 4 miles northeast of Draffenville.

#### Trigg County

Cadiz to  
5 NE Rockcastle

21 0305CST 0 0 20K Thunderstorm Wind (G55)

About 15 trees were blown down, mainly across northern parts of the county. Near Cadiz, two structures which were under



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### KENTUCKY, Southwest

construction were blown down, including a house and a church.

**Christian County**  
**5 N Hopkinsville**

21	0315CST	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees were blown down.

**Todd County**

**Elkton to  
Guthrie**

21	0338CST	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees and limbs were down, mainly across southern parts of the county. A house trailer was damaged by a falling tree

### MISSOURI, Southeast

**MOZ076-087-111**

**Perry - Cape Girardeau - Scott**

11	1300CST	0	0	Flood
28	0800CST			

Even though rainfall was generally below normal across southeast Missouri, the Mississippi River rose above flood stage at Cape Girardeau due to heavy rains in the Missouri River basin and upper Mississippi Valley. Cape Girardeau crested less than a foot above the 32-foot flood stage on May 12. The Mississippi River levels stayed up during most of the month, not allowing Cape Girardeau to fall below flood stage until the 28th. Another round of heavy rain in the Missouri River basin caused another crest on the 23rd. This second crest was almost exactly 3 feet above flood stage at Cape Girardeau, which resulted in minor flooding of agricultural bottomland.

**Wayne County**

**Lodi**

20	2000CST	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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**Scott County**

**Lusk**

20	2123CST	0	0	Hail (0.75)
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**Butler County**

**4 E Hendrickson**

30	2330CST	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Large tree limbs were blown down.